Export of mineral sands.

*344. MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amounts due to Government on account of the export of mineral sands are being regularly remittet to Government by the exporters;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative:

(i) the exporters who have thus withheld Government money;

(ii) the amount of moneys thus withheld?

(ii) the dates on which the amounts should have been remitted;

(iv) the action taken by Government to realise the amounts:

(v) whether the exporters who have thus withheld Government moneys are still being allowed to export the minerals?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (a) Some of the exporters have not been regularly remitting the amounts due to Government.

(b) (i) Messrs. F. X. Pereira and Sons (Travancore) Ltd., and Messrs. Associated Minerals Company Ltd.

(ii) Rs. 1,78,799-13-7 and Rs. 1,64,176-6-9.

(iii) 30-6-48.

(iv) Government have directed the two companies to arrange for the arrears due from them being remitted immediately and the companies have accordingly undertaken to remit the amounts before the close of February 1949.

(v) They are being allowed to export the minerals on the condition that they will pay up the share of profit due to Government on the current shipments together with the arrears immediately.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: These amounts have been outstanding from what date?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: 30-6-48.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I wish to know whether the Government have verified the accounts or whether the accounts are based on the reports of the companies?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: These figures are not based on the reports of the companies but are arrived at after a close scrutiny of the accounts.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I was told last time that about Rs. 1 lakh was paid by the Associated Minerals Company or Pereira. Do these figures include that or not?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I said that Rs. 1,64,176-6-9 is the amount due from Associated Minerals Company. It is arrived at after deducting the amount of Rs. 1,50,000.

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